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BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 13, 1889.

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Errors, Register of Deposits, Mint at Philadelphia, quarter ended March 31, 1889.

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